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COMPONENTS OF A DATA STORAGE  
SYSTEM AND METHOD OF ASSEMBLY  
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### COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE AND INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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Sir:

The Applicants agree with the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance to the extent that the claims of the present invention are patentable over the references in the record. The Applicants expressly traverse the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance to the extent that any comment is intended or has the effect of limiting a claim scope, explicitly or implicitly, by not reciting verbatim the respective claim language, or is intended or has the effect of limiting a claim scope by stating or implying that all the reasons of patentability are in any way fully enumerated.

Applicants also traverse the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance to the extent those statements imply limitations to specifically recited means-plus-function language which do not correspond to the recited means-plus-function language or in any way limit the scope of the corresponding structure disclosed in Applicants' specification for the means-plus-function elements recited in the claims. Applicants also traverse the Reasons for Allowance to the extent the reasons

unduly limit the scope of Applicants' means-plus-function claims to specific examples or dimensions and not to the corresponding structure disclosed in Applicants' specification.

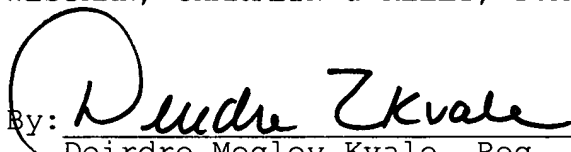
**INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

On June 24, 2002 Applicants' undersigned attorney and the Examiner discussed the subject matter of the pending claims in a telephone interview in view of the Final Office Action of March 26, 2002. No agreement was reached.

Any inquiry regarding this document may be directed to the under signed Deirdre Megley Kvale at (612) 330-0485.

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